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- 2. VAN DER VALK SAID THAT THE GON HAD COMMITTED ITSELF NOT TO REDUCE ITS ARMY PERSONNEL PENDING OUTCOME OF MBFR NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE THIS MEANT DUTCH AIR FORCE AND NAVY PERSONNEL REDUCTIONS MAY TAKE PLACE, THEY SHOULD BE OF LITTLE OR NO CONCERN TO THE ALLIES SINCE THEY ARE EXTEMELY MODEST IN TERMS OF NUMBERS. CONFIDENTIAL

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